



Five Crosses

NEWSLETTER

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Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh,
Thorne Coffin, Lufton

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Dear Friends,

This November marks a very important anniversary. On the 11th November 1918 the Great War, the conflict we have come to know as the First World War, came to an end. That war, more than any before it, changed the world.

Because of the nature of the First World War it has remained deeply ingrained in our national consciousness. It has represented all of the horrors of war, the folly of nations inflicting total war on each other, and the cruelty of the demands made upon the combatants, and the indifference of commanders and governments to the suffering of their citizens. Some of **this** is justifiable criticism or concerns and some of it derives from a misunderstanding of the causes and conduct of the war. The truth is, as so often, more complex than our simple understanding of the events of 1914-1918.

There can be no doubt, though, that those who fought on the front and their families at home suffered a great deal because of this conflict. Much was demanded in terms of sacrifice

and commitment. It is for these reasons – the lives and deaths – of the individuals involved that the acts of remembrance which we shall observe, both nationally and in every town and village in our land are so important.

Although this year is, on one level, just another Remembrance Day its significance is heightened by the fact that it will be the centenary of the end of a horrific and costly war.

As always we will be observing Remembrance Sunday in our churches. But because of the importance of this particular anniversary we are doing it slightly differently this year. There will be one service for the whole Benefice. This will take place at St Margaret's, Tintinhull and we will gather at the War Memorial in the churchyard at 10.55 am and observe our Act of Remembrance and the silence at 11 am with the rest of the nation, and world. We will then move into church where we will reflect on the war and what it still means for us but also acknowledge the sense of relief and thankfulness of a hundred years ago that such a dreadful conflict

had drawn to its close. We will give thanks for peace, not just then but also for the peace we enjoy today. We will commit ourselves to seek peace for all people and nations, remembering those throughout the world who still suffer the effects of war.

This year also sees the centenary of the establishment of the Royal Air Force and we will give thanks for that. Sadly, it will also be the last occasion on which the Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer Branch of the Royal British Legion meets to remember fallen comrades in our villages. As the branch has declined in membership, in common with so many other branches, it is no longer viable to keep it running and its standards (the Royal British Legion's and the Women's Section's) will be laid up at St Margaret's.

I do hope that on this very special occasion many people from all five of our villages will gather to remember and commit to a peaceful future for our nation and all the nations. At 12.30 pm we will gather at Chilthorne Domer's War Memorial to lay wreaths and remember the fallen in a brief ceremony.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Peter

**Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells:
"Somerset Remembers"**

"Over this last year I have been hearing about the different ways our communities have been coming together to mark the 100 year anniversary of Armistice. Remembrance Sunday is always a poignant time and it will have a particular resonance this year as Remembrance Sunday falls on the centenary of Armistice Day, 11 November 1918.

We will remember them. We must

not forget. As Bishop Tim Thornton says in the special Remembrance issue of our diocesan Manna magazine, "Re-remembering does not mean going through an intellectual exercise. It means doing everything we possibly can to bring back into the reality of today the horrors of the past so that we do not make the same mistakes again."

I've been moved to hear the stories of how our church communities have used this landmark as an opportunity to research their own Tommies, to rededicate memorials, make spectacular poppy displays or install the Perspex Tommies of the charity, Remembered. And how communities have really come together across the generations through these acts, large and small.

Wells Cathedral's Book of Remembrance contains around 11,300 names. These are the people from Somerset and beyond, listed by community, who gave their lives in the service of their country.

We will remember them.

Peter + Bath and Wells

Janice Squire, Poppy Appeal Organiser, writes: "The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal house to house collection for Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer will be from 27th October until 10th November. I would like to thank the volunteer Poppy collectors for their support again this year"

It is time to collect the Children's Society Charity boxes again. Hilary Cozens will collect Tintinhull boxes and either Pat Lowman or Barbara Task will gather up those in Chilthorne Domer. We will contact box holders prior to collection to choose a suitable time. Of course as always thank you all for your support. To those who may not know, The Children's Society is a registered Church of England charity which helps support children and older young people who may be in difficulties

and need help to get them through. If you would like a box to put your change in or even to put in a regular small amount over a year do contact Hilary Cozens - details at the top of the Newsletter. Truly, whatever you give no matter very small or something a bit more will be put to very good use.

News from Around the Parishes **LUFTON**

Susan Collins writes: "On **Sunday 4th November at 6.00pm** our Annual Sermon (inspired by v.8 Psalm 34) entitled '**O Taste and See How Gracious the Lord Is**' will be delivered this year, during the Evensong Service by our guest speaker **Canon Eric Woods, Vicar of Sherborne**. We look forward to welcoming our guest and we shall see if he earns his guinea by sticking to the text. We hope that you will **join us for this special event and for our Parish Tea afterwards.**

In the meantime we will have enjoyed October's special visit by 'Taffy' Thomas – The Story-teller Laureate, with more of his extraordinary, entertaining stories and tales from around the world. Advance notice that our traditional Candlelit Service of Carols and Readings will be held on Sunday 16th December at 6 pm. All are most welcome at this special service and to enjoy seasonal refreshments afterwards."

THORNE COFFIN

On the 20th September the marriage of Martin Reeve and Penny Davies was celebrated at St Andrew's Church. May they have a long and happy life together.

CHILTHORNE DOMER

From Church Warden Angie Clothier: "A big thank you to Jill and her many helpers who held a jumble sale last month in aid of St Mary's. Much welcomed funds amounting to £220 profit was raised.

St Mary's Christmas party will be on Saturday 8 December, 7pm, at the Old Rectory, Main St.

Drinks & finger buffet, £10 ticket (includes free glass of fizz)

Tickets are available from Zanne Gardner 849239 or Angie Clothier 841659. Raffle, Champagne Charlie etc. Also, enter a competition for **a)** best decorated Christmas cake or **b)** Christmas wreath or table decoration. Entry forms available from the above.

Come to **St Mary's Carol service** on Sunday 16 Dec, 6.30pm., followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

From the Register: on 23rd September St Mary's Church welcomed Theon Ian Jerry Parsons on the occasion of his Baptism. We welcome Theon to his church family.

YEOVIL MARSH

Christine Salmon, Church Warden writes: "Plans and preparations continue towards the next phase of repairs for All Saints Church in Yeovil Marsh, hopefully to be completed before the winter weather takes hold. Plans and preparations are also underway for a seasonal event in the work up to Christmas. We are holding the Carol Service in Church followed by a Christmas social evening in the church hall; so do watch this space in next month's edition for further details. All profits will help towards the repairs and redecoration of the Hall. We look forward to another chance to get together - see you there!"

TINTINHULL

Church Warden, Pat Whitlock writes: "I do hope that John is enjoying his well earned break. It was so nice to hear the church bells for our United Benefice service on the 7th October. We have two new ringers that have joined; they are Rebecca Harris, who used to ring **Cont. overleaf-**

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2018

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
November 4th All Saints' Sunday			6 pm Evensong Canon Eric Woods sermon	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	
November 6th		10 am Eucharist (BCP)			
November 11th Remembrance Sunday	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.55 am Benefice Service of Remembrance	12.30 pm Act of Remembrance and laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial	6 pm Evening Prayer (said)		4 pm Evening Prayer (said)
November 18th 2 before Advent	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Prayer at the Elms	
November 25th Christ the King	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Eucharist (BCP)	11 am Parish Eucharist	
December 2nd Advent Sunday		10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	6 pm Evensong		

Last but not Least: Tintinhull Continued.

at West Chinnock and Dave Isaacs, who has been learning to ring this year. We do hope they will continue to enjoy their ringing. **Armistice 100** approaches. Hopefully on the 11th November the bells will be rung half muffled for the service at 10.45am to remember those killed and after 12.30pm they will be rung *open* to celebrate the peace.

I would like to thank the continued help by the volunteers who serve coffees and make cakes for the Wednesday Post Office each week.

Lastly and very sadly two villagers have passed away recently;
Ray Smith of the Old School and Willy Oldnall of Vicarage Street.

Our thoughts are with their families at this time.